

December 7, 2016 Pike Committee Meeting Notes

Attendance: Theresa Widmann, John Perry, Sue Cahill, Alderman Doug Koop, Dominick Vanacore, Mayor Steve Noble, Tara Dickett, Tom Jacobi, Robert Tonner, Bill Knowles, Bob Airhart, Jane Garrity, Julie Jordan, Philip Bender-Tymon, Nan Potter, Harris Safier, Stephanie Earl

Meeting Opened 9:36

- Last Month's Meeting Minutes Approved
- Sue Cahill's update - Sue walked through with DPW, building safety and engineering staff to investigate framing of the Pike. They won't be exploring the structure deeper until January. They are waiting until after the holidays to as to not disturb businesses by closing sidewalks. The city will notify everyone prior to the locations being worked on. The next phase will be to do the pier investigations on the concrete, most likely to happen in late February. Sue does not have an update on the statute of limitations. The Mayor added that the court has yet to make a decision on the statute of limitations. The Mayor thought we should have a decision in the next 6-8 weeks. Robert Tonner asked about what the city's plan is irrespective of the lawsuit. The Mayor shared that the next steps are complicated because of the pending lawsuit so unless there is a critical safety issue, no repair will be done.
- New Committee Members: Scott Roeber has resigned as the architect. We will be looking for another architect. Dominick asked if it could be a structural engineer or someone from a related industry to help advise. Sue confirmed that it is written specifically as an "architect," and that if we wanted to modify that we'd need to approach the city council. John mentioned that we technically don't have a committee since Theresa Widmann, Robert Tonner, and John Perry's terms are expired. The Mayor can extend the terms of current committee members.
- Events: The signs for the Snowflake Festival and road closings worked very well. John felt this was good precedent for future events. Movies on Wall Street need to be reserved by March/April so Sue will like to get feedback from the Uptown community about what they'd like to see. Dominick asked for a list of what's available. Dominick suggested "1776." John will pull three suggested films from the uptown businesses or residents that we can vote on. The movie is usually in July. The Mayor added that the movie is about \$400 per movie and that the city would be looking for sponsors of the film. He asked KUBA to consider this.
- Parking - Mayor received two respondents from the Parking RFQ. They are meeting and interviewing. The Mayor has indicated that public parking is mandatory as a part of these proposals and would expect there to be more parking than is currently available. The old parking garage which was torn down was funded by Urban Renewal funds. The city would have to increase property taxes by 2-3% if the city were to build its own parking structure so this is why the city is looking to private funds. The city expects to pick someone within the next month and to then work with the city residents/businesses

about planning for the ultimate details of the project. Jane asked about the properties at issue. The Mayor clarified that the lot that they are focusing on is the Schwenk Drive parking lot. The two lots that are on North Front Street are not a part of the RFQ discussions. John suggested that the uptown building owners be given an opportunity to participate in the construction/ownership of a lot in the uptown area. The Mayor shared that because these are municipal properties it costs so much more to build or construct upon them so that is why the city is interested in divesting the property so that a private individual will take over ownership of the property.

- January 4th is the next meeting. Place and time to be determined.

Meeting Closed 10:02